

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION**

In re:

NOBLE HOUSE HOME FURNISHINGS LLC,¹

Debtors.

Chapter 11

Case No. 23-90773 (CML)

(Jointly Administered)

**MONTHLY FEE STATEMENT OF PACHULSKI STANG ZIEHL & JONES LLP
FOR COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES AND REIMBURSEMENT OF
EXPENSES AS COUNSEL TO THE DEBTORS AND DEBTORS IN POSSESSION
FOR THE PERIOD FROM MARCH 1, 2025 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2025**

Pursuant to the *Order Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses For Professionals* [Docket No. 185] (the “Compensation Order”) entered by the Court on October 25, 2023, Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP (“PSZJ”), counsel to the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively the “Debtors”), submits this monthly statement of services rendered and expenses incurred in this case for the period from March 1, 2025 through March 31, 2025 (the “Statement Period”).

I. Itemization of Services Rendered by PSZJ:

1. The following is a list of individuals and their respective titles that provided services during the Statement Period. It includes information regarding their respective billing rates and the total number of hours spent by each individual providing services during the Statement Period for which PSZJ seeks compensation.

¹ The Debtors in these Chapter 11 Cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor’s federal tax identification numbers, are: Noble House Home Furnishings LLC (1671); Best Selling Home Decor Furniture, LLC (5580), Le Pouf, LLC (8197), NH Services LLC (9626), and Heavy Metal, Inc. (3124). The Debtors’ service address in these Chapter 11 cases is 700 Milam Street, Suite 1300, Houston, TX 77002.

Name	Position / Dept.	State of Bar Admission / Year	Hourly Rate	Hours	Total Compensation
Michael D. Warner	Partner	TX/1995	\$1,775.00	.4	\$710.00
Teddy M. Kapur	Partner	CA/2006	\$1,325.00	6.6	\$8,745.00
Judith Elkin	Counsel	TX/1982	\$1,725.00	.9	\$1,552.50
Benjamin L. Wallen	Associate	TX/2016	\$1,075.00	4.8	\$5,160.00
Brooke E. Wilson	Associate	NY/2022	\$725.00	1.7	\$1,232.50
Kerri L. LaBrada	Paralegal	N/A	\$625.00	5.1	\$3,187.50
TOTALS:				19.5	\$20,587.50

2. The time records of PSZJ consisting of a daily breakdown of the time spent by each person on each day and detail as to the disbursements incurred are attached as **Exhibit A** to this Monthly Fee Statement.

II. Itemization of Services Rendered and Disbursements Incurred By Category

3. The following itemization presents the services rendered by PSZJ by task categories and provides a summary of disbursements incurred by category of expense disbursement.

A. Services Rendered

4. The following services were rendered in the following task categories:

Task Category	Hours	Fees Earned
Asset Analysis and Recovery	.4	\$530.00
Asset Disposition	.7	\$927.50
Bankruptcy Litigation	4.1	\$5,767.50
Case Administration	1.8	\$1,650.00
Claims Administration and Objections	.2	\$240.00
PSZJ Compensation	3.4	\$2,565.00
Other Professional Compensation	1.6	\$1,115.00
Financial Filings	.9	\$877.50
Insurance Issues	.5	\$662.50
Plan and Disclosure Statement	5.9	\$6,252.50
TOTALS	19.5	\$20,587.50

5. A detailed itemization of the services rendered in each of the above task categories is set forth in **Exhibit A**.

B. Expenses Incurred

6. The expenses incurred by PSZJ for this Statement are as follows:

Expense Category	Total Expenses
Bloomberg	\$100.69
Court Fees	\$350.00
Lexis/Nexis – Legal Research	\$44.28
Pacer – Court Research	\$13.30
TOTAL	\$508.27

7. Accordingly, the amount of compensation and expenses payable for this Statement Period is **\$16,978.27**, which is calculated as follows:

Total Fees for Services Rendered During Statement Period:	\$20,587.50
Twenty Percent (20%) Holdback:	<u>(\$4,117.50)</u>
Total Fees Less Holdback:	\$16,470.00
Expenses Incurred (100%):	<u>\$508.27</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$16,978.27</u>

WHEREFORE, pursuant to the Compensation Order, PSZJ requests payment of compensation in the amount of (i) \$16,470.00 (80% of \$20,587.50) on account of actual, reasonable and necessary professional services rendered to the Debtors by PSZJ and (ii) reimbursement of actual and necessary costs and expenses in the amount of \$508.27 incurred on behalf of the Debtors by PSZJ.

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Dated: May 5, 2025

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EXHIBIT A

(March 1, 2025 – March 31, 2025 Invoice)



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STATEMENT OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED THROUGH 03/31/2025

FEES	\$20,587.50
EXPENSES	\$508.27
TOTAL CURRENT CHARGES	\$21,095.77

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Summary of Services by Professional

<u>ID</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Amount</u>
BLW	Wallen, Ben L.	Partner	1,075.00	4.80	\$5,160.00
MDW	Warner, Michael D.	Partner	1,775.00	0.40	\$710.00
TMK	Kapur, Teddy M.	Partner	1,325.00	6.60	\$8,745.00
JE	Elkin, Judith	Counsel	1,725.00	0.90	\$1,552.50
BEW	Wilson, Brooke E.	Associate	725.00	1.70	\$1,232.50
KLL	LaBrada, Kerri L.	Paralegal	625.00	5.10	\$3,187.50
			<hr/> 19.50		<hr/> \$20,587.50

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Summary of Services by Task Code

<u>Task Code</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Amount</u>
AA	Asset Analysis and Recovery	0.40	\$530.00
AD	Asset Disposition	0.70	\$927.50
BL	Bankruptcy Litigation	4.10	\$5,767.50
CA	Case Administration	1.80	\$1,650.00
CO	Claims Administration and Objections	0.20	\$240.00
CP	PSZJ Compensation	3.40	\$2,565.00
CPO	Other Professional Compensation	1.60	\$1,115.00
FF	Financial Filings	0.90	\$877.50
II	Insurance Issues	0.50	\$662.50
PD	Plan and Disclosure Statement	5.90	\$6,252.50
		<hr/> 19.50	<hr/> \$20,587.50

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Summary of Expenses

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				<u>Hours</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Asset Analysis and Recovery						
01/10/2025	TMK	AA	Confer with claims buyer regarding cash collateral.	0.20	1,325.00	\$265.00
01/13/2025	TMK	AA	Confer with potential claims buyers regarding cash collateral.	0.20	1,325.00	\$265.00
				0.40		\$530.00
Asset Disposition						
01/03/2025	TMK	AD	Confer with J. Llewelyn regarding document retention and destruction.	0.20	1,325.00	\$265.00
01/08/2025	TMK	AD	Review inquiries from Wan Hai and confer with J. Llewelyn.	0.20	1,325.00	\$265.00
01/08/2025	TMK	AD	Review status of Noble House Assurance.	0.20	1,325.00	\$265.00
03/10/2025	TMK	AD	Confer with J. Llewelyn regarding wind down of UK operations.	0.10	1,325.00	\$132.50
				0.70		\$927.50
Bankruptcy Litigation						
03/01/2025	JE	BL	Correspondence with Mr. Kapur regarding extension.	0.10	1,725.00	\$172.50
03/03/2025	JE	BL	Review correspondence from Ms. Buru regarding extension of time stipulation.	0.10	1,725.00	\$172.50
03/03/2025	JE	BL	Correspondence with Mr. Kapur regarding extension of time stipulation.	0.10	1,725.00	\$172.50
03/03/2025	TMK	BL	Confer with Philadelphia Insurance regarding stipulation for more time and review same.	0.50	1,325.00	\$662.50
03/04/2025	JE	BL	Review draft stipulation from PIC regarding answer date and correspondence with Mr. Kapur regarding same.	0.50	1,725.00	\$862.50
03/04/2025	TMK	BL	Review stipulation for extension and confer with C. Buru.	0.20	1,325.00	\$265.00
03/05/2025	BLW	BL	Review and comment on extension stip in Philly Adversary Proceeding.	0.10	1,075.00	\$107.50
03/05/2025	JE	BL	Review correspondence to Ms. Buru regarding stipulation extending answer date.	0.10	1,725.00	\$172.50

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03/05/2025	TMK	BL	Review and execute stipulation to extend time.	0.20	1,325.00	\$265.00
03/05/2025	TMK	BL	Review inquiries regarding Computer Reps arbitration and confer with J. Llewellyn.	0.20	1,325.00	\$265.00
03/05/2025	TMK	BL	Update C. Barbarosh regarding Philadelphia negotiations.	0.10	1,325.00	\$132.50
03/10/2025	TMK	BL	Confer with J. Llewellyn and R. Kroll regarding Computer Reps litigation.	0.10	1,325.00	\$132.50
03/24/2025	TMK	BL	Follow up with S. Williams regarding settlement; update C. Barbarosh and J. Llewellyn.	0.20	1,325.00	\$265.00
03/24/2025	TMK	BL	Review diligence inquiries from Philadelphia Insuance and confer with J. Llewellyn.	0.30	1,325.00	\$397.50
03/25/2025	TMK	BL	Confer with J. Llewellyn and M. Bernes regarding bond issues for settlement.	0.20	1,325.00	\$265.00
03/25/2025	TMK	BL	Negotiate with S. Williams regarding settlement.	0.50	1,325.00	\$662.50
03/26/2025	TMK	BL	Confer with J. Llewellyn and S. Williams regarding settlement.	0.40	1,325.00	\$530.00
03/27/2025	TMK	BL	Review and confer with C. Buru regarding stipulation to extend time.	0.20	1,325.00	\$265.00
				4.10		\$5,767.50

Case Administration

01/09/2025	TMK	CA	Confer with J. Llewellyn regarding case tasks.	0.30	1,325.00	\$397.50
03/07/2025	KLL	CA	Review docket for current filings and updates to critical dates memo.	0.20	625.00	\$125.00
03/13/2025	BLW	CA	Review eipq statement and correspond with CFO re: same and recent filing activity.	0.20	1,075.00	\$215.00
03/14/2025	KLL	CA	Review current filings and update critical dates memo to same.	0.30	625.00	\$187.50
03/19/2025	BLW	CA	Call with Mr. Kapur re: case/litigation status re: UST inquiry (.2) and draft response re: same (.3).	0.50	1,075.00	\$537.50
03/28/2025	KLL	CA	Review docket for updates and update critical dates memo to same.	0.30	625.00	\$187.50
				1.80		\$1,650.00

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Claims Administration and Objections

01/02/2025	TMK	CO	Review status of CDTFA claim.	0.10	1,325.00	\$132.50
03/19/2025	BLW	CO	Call with creditor re: case status.	0.10	1,075.00	\$107.50
				0.20		\$240.00

PSZJ Compensation

03/06/2025	TMK	CP	Coordinate payment of invoices.	0.10	1,325.00	\$132.50
03/26/2025	KLL	CP	Review and revise PSZJ February invoice.	0.80	625.00	\$500.00
03/26/2025	TMK	CP	Review monthly fee statement and confer with K. LaBrada.	0.20	1,325.00	\$265.00
03/27/2025	BLW	CP	Review and comment on monthly statement.	0.20	1,075.00	\$215.00
03/27/2025	KLL	CP	Check revisions to PSZJ February invoice.	0.40	625.00	\$250.00
03/28/2025	KLL	CP	Review/revise PSZJ invoice to February monthly fee statement.	0.20	625.00	\$125.00
03/28/2025	TMK	CP	Confer with B. Wallen and K. LaBrada regarding fee statement.	0.10	1,325.00	\$132.50
03/31/2025	KLL	CP	Prepare and finalize for filing PSZJ February monthly fee statement.	1.30	625.00	\$812.50
03/31/2025	TMK	CP	Review and revise fee statement.	0.10	1,325.00	\$132.50
				3.40		\$2,565.00

Other Professional Compensation

03/06/2025	KLL	CPO	Retrieve amounts from November and December monthly fee statements for T. Kapur.	0.20	625.00	\$125.00
03/24/2025	KLL	CPO	Prepare Riveron February monthly fee statement.	0.70	625.00	\$437.50
03/24/2025	TMK	CPO	Confer with K. LaBrada regarding fee statements.	0.10	1,325.00	\$132.50
03/31/2025	BLW	CPO	Review and comment on monthly.	0.10	1,075.00	\$107.50
03/31/2025	KLL	CPO	Finalize for filing Riveron February monthly fee statement.	0.50	625.00	\$312.50
				1.60		\$1,115.00

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Financial Filings						
03/16/2025	KLL	FF	Correspond with B. Wallen on upcoming Monthly Operating Reports filings.	0.20	625.00	\$125.00
03/19/2025	BLW	FF	Review and comment on MOR's and coordinate filing of same.	0.70	1,075.00	\$752.50
				0.90		\$877.50
Insurance Issues						
01/08/2025	TMK	II	Review correspondence regarding new insurance policy.	0.10	1,325.00	\$132.50
03/06/2025	TMK	II	Confer with J. Llewellyn regarding Noble House Assurance.	0.20	1,325.00	\$265.00
03/07/2025	TMK	II	Review status of Noble House Assurance wind down.	0.10	1,325.00	\$132.50
03/26/2025	TMK	II	Review status of Noble House Assurance wind down.	0.10	1,325.00	\$132.50
				0.50		\$662.50
Plan and Disclosure Statement						
03/05/2025	BLW	PD	Correspond re: dismissal.	0.10	1,075.00	\$107.50
03/05/2025	TMK	PD	Review dismissal motion and confer with B. Wallen.	0.60	1,325.00	\$795.00
03/10/2025	BLW	PD	Research re: liquidation analysis (.3) call with CFO re: same (.6); call with Ms. Wilson re: same (.1).	1.00	1,075.00	\$1,075.00
03/10/2025	TMK	PD	Confer with B. Wallen reagrding liquidation analysis.	0.20	1,325.00	\$265.00
03/14/2025	BEW	PD	Confer with B. Wallen re: research about chapter 7 trustee fees.	0.10	725.00	\$72.50
03/17/2025	BEW	PD	Research re: chapter 7 comparison analysis.	1.60	725.00	\$1,160.00
03/17/2025	BLW	PD	Correspond re: MTD.	0.20	1,075.00	\$215.00
03/18/2025	BLW	PD	Review research from Ms. Wilson re: liquidation analysis and correspond re: same.	0.40	1,075.00	\$430.00
03/18/2025	MDW	PD	Call with attorney B. Wallen re recent 5th Cir decision re exculpation issues.	0.40	1,775.00	\$710.00

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03/19/2025	BLW	PD	Call with CFO re: liquidation analysis.	0.30	1,075.00	\$322.50
03/31/2025	BLW	PD	Research and correspond with CFO re: liquidation analysis.	0.90	1,075.00	\$967.50
03/31/2025	TMK	PD	Confer with B. Wallen and J. Llewellyn regarding liquidation analyses.	0.10	1,325.00	\$132.50
				<hr/> 5.90		<hr/> \$6,252.50

TOTAL SERVICES FOR THIS MATTER:

\$20,587.50

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Expenses

02/14/2025	FF	Courts UBSC TX filing fee TMK	350.00
03/03/2025	LN	61051.00002 Lexis Charges for 03-03-25	3.28
03/04/2025	LN	61051.00002 Lexis Charges for 03-04-25	3.28
03/05/2025	LN	61051.00002 Lexis Charges for 03-05-25	3.28
03/06/2025	LN	61051.00002 Lexis Charges for 03-06-25	3.28
03/07/2025	LN	61051.00002 Lexis Charges for 03-07-25	3.28
03/10/2025	LN	61051.00002 Lexis Charges for 03-10-25	3.28
03/11/2025	LN	61051.00002 Lexis Charges for 03-11-25	1.64
03/12/2025	LN	61051.00002 Lexis Charges for 03-12-25	1.64
03/13/2025	LN	61051.00002 Lexis Charges for 03-13-25	1.64
03/14/2025	LN	61051.00002 Lexis Charges for 03-14-25	1.64
03/17/2025	BB	61051.00002 Bloomberg Charges through 03-17-25	5.20
03/17/2025	BB	61051.00002 Bloomberg Charges through 03-17-25	10.00
03/17/2025	BB	61051.00002 Bloomberg Charges through 03-17-25	10.00
03/17/2025	BB	61051.00002 Bloomberg Charges through 03-17-25	10.00
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03/17/2025	BB	61051.00002 Bloomberg Charges through 03-17-25	10.00
03/17/2025	BB	61051.00002 Bloomberg Charges through 03-17-25	1.40
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03/17/2025	BB	61051.00002 Bloomberg Charges through 03-17-25	10.00
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03/18/2025	BB	61051.00002 Bloomberg Charges through 03-18-25	3.00
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03/18/2025	BB	61051.00002 Bloomberg Charges through 03-18-25	1.40
03/18/2025	LN	61051.00002 Lexis Charges for 03-18-25	1.64

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03/19/2025	LN	61051.00002 Lexis Charges for 03-19-25	1.64
03/20/2025	LN	61051.00002 Lexis Charges for 03-20-25	1.64
03/21/2025	LN	61051.00002 Lexis Charges for 03-21-25	1.64
03/24/2025	LN	61051.00002 Lexis Charges for 03-24-25	1.64
03/25/2025	LN	61051.00002 Lexis Charges for 03-25-25	1.64
03/26/2025	LN	61051.00002 Lexis Charges for 03-26-25	1.64
03/27/2025	LN	61051.00002 Lexis Charges for 03-27-25	1.64
03/28/2025	LN	61051.00002 Lexis Charges for 03-28-25	1.64
03/31/2025	LN	61051.00002 Lexis Charges for 03-31-25	1.64
03/31/2025	PAC	Pacer - Court Research	13.30

Total Expenses for this Matter

\$508.27